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SUMMERSVILLE MAN CHARGED WITH FIREARM VIOLATION AFTER SHOOTING HELICOPTER

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Summersville, Mo., man was charged today with being a felon in possession of a firearm after he allegedly shot into a Missouri National Guard helicopter.

Jimmie Leroy Shriver, 53, of Summersville, Mo., was charged with one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm in a criminal complaint filed in federal court in Springfield this afternoon.

The criminal complaint alleges that **Shriver** was in possession of a Winchester .308 caliber rifle and a Remington 12 gauge shotgun. Possession of any firearm would be illegal, Graves explained, due to **Shriver's** 1998 criminal felony conviction in Texas County for possession of a controlled substance.

Shriver was arrested after allegedly shooting a Missouri National Guard helicopter that was flying over his residence, Graves said. The helicopter was heavily damaged and disabled. According to an affidavit filed in support of the criminal complaint, **Shriver** was in possession of two allegedly stolen firearms at the time of his arrest.

U.S. Magistrate Judge James C. England has scheduled a detention hearing at 8:30 a.m. Friday, September 6, 2002, on a motion from the United States to detain **Shriver** in federal custody without bond until his trial.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the complaint are simply accusations, and are not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

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The case is being prosecuted by Deputy U.S. Attorney Michael A. Jones. It was investigated by the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

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